

PRICE RIVER WATER USERS ADJUDICATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Held February 4, 1959 at 10:00 AM
Price Municipal Building - Price, Utah

Donald C. Norseth, representing the State Engineer, read the call for the meeting ordered by the State Engineer.

First order of business was the reading of the minutes by Secretary John Bene of the last annual meeting held on February 5, 1958. A motion was made by Harold Wilson to accept the minutes as read; seconded by Orson Marsing and carried.

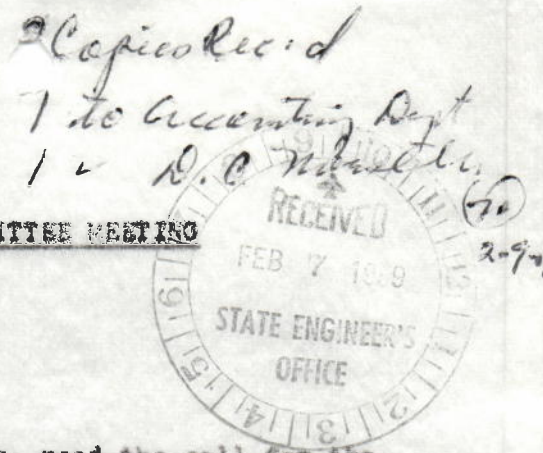
Harvey Thomas, Price River Water Commissioner, gave a report on various aspects covered in his report for the irrigation season of 1958. He reported as of February 4, 1959 there was 32,000 acre feet of water in the Scofield Reservoir.

Mr. Gregory Pearson, head of the Snow Survey Department briefly outlined the prospects for water for the irrigation season of 1959 based on the premises of the facts available as of the date of this meeting. He reported that snowfall was far below normal at all the water sheds that affected the stream flow in the Price River drainage area.

Mr. Frank Reese, chief accountant for the State Engineer's Office, read the budget report for the year 1958 and discussed the various expenditures that were made during the year. George Waterman, chairman of the Adjudication Committee, asked if there were any questions on the budget. There were no questions. A motion was made by Joseph Krayno and seconded by Carlyle Pace that the report be accepted as read; motion carried.

Secretary read Harvey Thomas' application for the River Commissioner job for the year 1959. Motion was made by Carlyle Pace and seconded by Jimmy Faucett that Harvey Thomas be recommended to the State Engineer for the appointment of Price River Commissioner for the year 1959. Chairman Waterman asked Mr. Thomas if he was satisfied with the salary and expense account for mileage given. Mr. Thomas requested that his salary be raised \$500.00. After considerable discussion it was moved by Joseph Krayno and seconded by Orson Marsing that Mr. Thomas be granted an increase of \$500.00. Motion carried. Ray Prettyman of Gordon Creek area opposed the granting of the increase for the reason that he claimed no benefits from the services of the water commissioner.

Chairman called for the setting up of a budget for the year 1959. The secretary read the various items in the budget and the following changes were made: The Commissioner's salary raised from \$2000 to \$2500; Social Security raised from \$45.00 to \$62.50 to take care of the increase required to cover the increase in salary of the Water Commissioner. All other items of the budget were left the same as the 1958 budget. The new budget for 1959 was increased \$317.50 over the 1958 budget and the new total is \$5867.50 for 1959. Motion was made by Dick Borrell and seconded by Joseph Krayno that the new budget be accepted as set up. Motion carried. J. D. Critchlow opposed the budget on the grounds that item 6 of the new budget in the amount of \$500.00 was not needed and that his ditch (Allred Ditch) received no benefit.



Mr. Norseth reported that under the water resources survey, the State Engineer in the past helped maintain various gaging stations throughout the State and that in some instances they no longer have any need for some of them. The State Engineer plans to turn over the gaging station on Fish Creek below the Safford Reservoir to the Price River Water Users to maintain and keep if they so desire, and it will be up to them to work out some working arrangements with the U.S. Geological Survey Department for its maintenance and operation.

All the business to come before this meeting having been considered, a motion was made by Joseph Krayne and seconded by Carlyle Pace to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 A.M.


JOHN BENE, Secretary

PRESENT

<u>Name</u>	<u>Representing</u>
Chris G. Jorgensen	Wellington Canal
Joe Bonacci, Jr.	Helper City
Harold E. Wilson	Carbon Canal
William C. Dause	Wellington Canal
Sharp Bryner	Carbon Canal
Henry Mills	Carbon Canal
Richard Borrell	Carbon Canal
Jack Chiaretta	Carbon Canal
Gregory L. Pearson	Soil Conservation Service
Joseph Boyd McKean	Columbia-Geneva Steel
Ray Prettyman	Gordon Creek
Mrs. Ray Prettyman	Gordon Creek
Clarence Prettyman	Gordon Creek
Dean J. Holdaway	Price City
Harvey Thomas	Water Commissioner
T. Vinton Smith	State Engineer's Office
Frank Reese	"
Donald C. Norseth	"
G. W. Waterman	Carbon Canal
Joseph Krayne	Bryner-Ploutz
John Bene	Secretary
A. J. Seaton	Carbon Canal
William Jackson	Indep. Coal & Coke
Carlyle Pace	Price Canal & Wellington
J. D. Critchlow	Allred Ditch
Carlos Giacometto	Gordon Creek
James Faucett	Gordon Creek
Orson Marsing	Carbon Canal
J. K. Wells	Carbon Canal
T. H. Jensen	Attorney
Phil Thayn	Wellington Canal